

MINING NEWS Here and Elsewhere

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HERE ON HACKBERRY CONS. BUSINESS

In an effort to straighten out the tangle of litigation into which the Hackberry Con. Mines company had drifted, G. S. Holmes and counsel, A. G. Keating and counsel and William Neagle and counsel have been trying to get together the past few days. It is quite probable that the legal matters will be adjudicated, and it is to be hoped that they are, for the Hackberry is too good a property to be tied up in a manner that will prevent its operation on a large scale.

We understand that as soon as the legal phase of the Hackberry case is cleared up a group of men stand ready to finance the property in a big way. The Hackberry is an excellent silver-lead property and can be made to produce largely with only small expenditure of money. It is opened to the 800 level, has drifts on the vein at the 300, 400, 600 and 800 levels and every one of these openings is in ore. On the 300 the ore is very rich, and on the other levels the ore is of high mill values. With the development of the mine along the north end, under the big outcrop, we believe an enormous body of mill ore will be opened, and it is to develop this part of the mine that additional funds are necessary. During the past few months the property has been put in shape to proceed with this new work as soon the legal matters had been disposed of.

NEALON OUT FOR JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME BENCH

Thomas W. Nealon, of Phoenix, has announced his candidacy for the high office of Justice of the Supreme Court of the State. He was in Kingman yesterday looking over the political situation and renewing old acquaintances. Judge Nealon is a native of Georgia, 60 years of age, and grew up in an atmosphere of democracy. He has been a resident of the State for 15 years and is widely known throughout the southern part, where he has practiced his profession of the law. He is making his first attempt to break into politics and his friends predict success for him at the primaries. We can recommend him to the voters of Mohave county as a conscientious gentleman, and one who will be a credit to the State in any position to which he may be called. His years of law practice eminently qualify him for the position to which he aspires.

LEAVES FOR CLARKDALE

W. M. Swisher left Kingman Wednesday night for Clarkdale where he will work for the United Verde Copper Company as a chemist. Mr. Swisher, a son-in-law of Dr. W. C. Todd, came here several months ago from Old Mexico, where he was employed in a similar capacity to the position he is taking. Since coming here he has been with the Kingman Drug Company.

His family will remain here for the next couple of months and then go to Clarkdale.

ARREST INSANE MAN

Sheriff Mahoney and deputies last night took from the east bound passenger train one N. Shapiro, a Jew who was being sent to New York by a Jewish organization in Los Angeles. Shapiro was apparently insane and a sufferer from tuberculosis. He is in a bad way and may die at any moment. The organization to which he belongs in New York and Los Angeles has been notified and it is expected he will either be sent forward in care of some one or returned to the Angel City.

How a Whale Breathes.

An eminent naturalist says concerning the breathing apparatus of the whale: "The windpipe does not communicate with the mouth; a hole is, as it were, bored right through the back of the head. Engineers would do well to copy the action of the valve of the whale's blow hole; a more perfect piece of structure it is impossible to imagine. Day and night, asleep or awake, the whale works its breathing apparatus in such a manner that not a drop of water ever gets down into the lungs. Again, the whale must of necessity, stay a much longer period under water than seals; this alone might possibly drown it, inasmuch as the lungs cannot have access to fresh air. We find that this difficulty has been anticipated and obviated by a peculiar reservoir in the venous system, which reservoir is situated at the back of the lungs."—Los Angeles Times.

Pat—The last card I dealt ye was a spade.
Mike—Shure an' how did ye know that?
Pat—I saw ye spit on yer hands before ye tak it.

FERGUSON LEAVES FOR EAST ON MOLLY GIBSON BUSINESS

Robert Ferguson left for Topeka, Kansas, last evening where he will look after the interests of his company (the Molly Gibson Chloride) before the corporation commission of that state. The company is selling its shares in the state of Kansas and has to have a permit, which is under consideration of the State Treasurer. The company is one of the best in the Chloride field, having a property of merit and the men at the head of affairs are anxious to bring in a winner, every dollar secured from stock sales going into development work. So far the company has made a wonderful showing with the money expended and have a big body of excellent ore to work on. With better equipment there is reason to believe that a producer will soon be developed.

MOTOR VEHICLE LAW NOT UPHELD.

In the matter of the Union Stage lines, which were haled into court for conducting a stage line over the Jerome short line in violation of the order of the state corporation commission on injunction proceedings Judge Sweeney refused to take the view of the corporation commission. It is thought that the matter will be carried to the supreme court on an agreed case.

The cause was presented to the Superior Court of Yavapai County.

SHEA TUNNEL

The big tunnel that is being driven into the Shea mine has reached a point almost beneath the old shaft and within a short time a connection for air will be made and then the drift will be carried on into the ore body. The Shea produced some good copper from the shaft, but it was necessary to get far below the old level to get into the better grade of copper. The Shea is owned by local Jerome people and their belief is great that a big mine will be opened of the United Verde Extension type.

DONATES BIG RACE TRACK

Douglas, Arizona is to have the largest race track in the southwest for racing and associated with it will be an aviation and baseball field. The race track will be two miles in circumference and the baseball diamond is to be one of the best in the country, where winter ball may be played. Regular horse and automobile racing will take place on this track as soon as it can be gotten in shape. Everything in connection with the track is to be donated. Phelps-Dodge company giving 320 acres of land and the business men and people donating all the other necessities to make the track a success.

Radio-Active Lead.

At least two kinds of lead exist, writes Prof. Theodore W. Richards in Science. One, the ordinary metal disseminated throughout the world; another, a form of lead apparently produced by the decomposition of uranium, radium being one of the intermediate products. If we leave out of consideration the probable inessential difference in radio activity, the two kinds are very closely if not exactly alike in every respect, excepting atomic weight, density and immediately related properties involving weight, such as solubility. Thorium lead appears to be a third variety, with similar relations. Shall we call these substances different elements, or the same?

European Jiu-Jitsu.

Jiu-Jitsu is supposed to come from Japan, but an art of self-defense virtually identical with it was taught in Europe during the seventeenth century. Its principles are expounded in a book by one Nicholas Peters, published at Amsterdam in 1674, which bears the long explanatory title: "The art of wrestling, and how one can protect oneself in all kinds of quarrels that may occur; how one can with agility and rapidity repel all unfair attacks, and meet one's adversary with science."

ADVERTISED LETTERS

The following letters remain uncalled for at the Post Office at Kingman, Ariz., for the week ending Aug. 7.

Fitzpatrick, Thomas.
Firado, Ascencion
Flores, Frederico
Hoffman, Wm.
Kelly, Mrs. Jennie
Killay, Lawrence
McDonald, A.
Olson, A.
Parker, Fay
If the above letters are not called for at the end of two weeks they will be sent to the Dead Letter Office at San Francisco, Calif.

CHARLES METCALFE,
Postmaster.

The Arthur Heaths have returned to their Veida home after a fortnight or so here at the Cow-ranch in the hills. They find the summer weather here too warm for real comfort.

UNITED AMERICAN SHAFT REACHES 600

The shaft of the United American has reached below the 600 level and will be continued to the 670, where it will have reached the level of the drift on the Aztec vein of the Tom Reed from the 400 level. The connection of these drifts will give the two mines plenty of air, as well as demonstrating the vein system in the two properties. The Tom Reed has the vein well developed but expect that a further exploration to the east may bring in a new ore bearing zone in the Aztec and possibly on the other veins of the group, which can be reached by crosscut from a point close to the east end line of the property.

The American shaft is expected to reach the required depth about the 25th of this month, when crosscutting and drifting will be undertaken.

OFFERS TO PAY IN PLATINUM

That the Bolshevik government will pay for supplies with platinum is the statement put forth through the press, but the fact remains that the Ural mountains contain only limited amounts of the rare white metal and there cannot be enough produced in years of mining to pay a tithe of the demands for supplies that the soviet government needs. All these stories of the riches of the various Balkan states and the mountains of Russia are mere bosh, only a small production of metals being possible in any of them. Siberia may have some gold, sulphur, salt and iron, but in the main it is far from transportation and costly to mine and market.

SUPERSTITIONS OF THE PAST

Peculiar Beliefs That Not So Very Many Years Ago Had Almost Universal Credence.

A reader furnishes us with a list of old superstitions which were part of our folk lore in this part of the country before we had to have folk lore societies to preserve this sort of thing:

A rooster crowing at the front door meant a visitor coming.
A twig catching a young lady's dress meant a beau.
An itching ear meant that some one was talking about you.
To turn back after starting meant bad luck.
Opening an umbrella in the house meant bad luck to the house.
A measuring worm on a woman's frock meant a new dress.
An itching left hand meant that you would marry soon.
An itching right hand meant that you would shake hands with a stranger.
Seeing the new moon over the left shoulder meant one would soon get money.
Probably most of us are superstitious about the number 13, just as people were a long time ago. Our own superstitions will amuse a subsequent generation, as those recalled by our reader amuse us. Only a subsequent generation can safely laugh at superstitions. Socrates was put to death for laughing at some of the superstitions of the Greeks. Let us, then, laugh at these and take the superstitions of our own time as seriously as we please.—St. Louis Post Dispatch.

Sheep-Raising Old Industry. Sheep raising is perhaps the oldest of all industries, for it was practiced even before agriculture. Wool is a product of cultivation or domestication, for there are no wild animals which closely resemble the wool-bearing sheep. Floyd W. Parsons, in the Saturday Evening Post, says that with the discovery that cloth could be made from wool came an effort to improve the fleece by selection and breeding. The early Romans were most successful in this pursuit, and their endeavors along this line resulted in developing a fleece of great fineness. After the conquest of the Iberian peninsula, Roman sheep were introduced into Spain, where they so greatly improved the native flocks that even during Roman supremacy Spanish wool led the world's markets, a prestige held for many centuries.

Bird Eats 1,000 Bugs.

A cliff swallow will eat a thousand flies, mosquitoes, wheat-midges or beetles that injure fruit trees in a day and therefore is to be encouraged, says the American Forestry association of Washington.

This bird is also known as the cave swallow because it plasters its nest on the outside of a barn or other building up under the eaves. Colonies of several thousand will build their nests together on the side of a cliff.

These nests shaped like a flattened gourd or water bottle are made of bits of clay rolled into pellets and lined with straw or feathers. This bird winters in the tropics.

Maud—Miss Oldun thinks that hotel clerk just lovely.
Ethel—Why so?
Maud—He wrote opposite her name on the hotel register "Suite 16".

FORTUNES' BREAKS IN MINING GAME

That the freaks of fortune have not gone awry is evidenced every day by reports from the various fields where mining has its habitat. Today it is in Arizona and tomorrow it may be in Alaska, but it comes. Mining from the days of the Pharaohs down to the present time has had its world interest and millions of people have hunted for the elusive fortune that mines have given forth in nearly all lands. Cherry Creek, Nevada, is the latest to flaunt a gold strike in the face of the public and that it is real is vouched for by many mining men who have looked in upon the camp. Its discovery was a mere accident, as are most of the good mines of the world. A wooden legged man traveling over a round-about trail concluded to make a cutoff and save time and in doing so found the outcrop of a vein that has been developed into a real mine. The old Commonwealth at Pearce, was found by a cowboy who was attracted by the peculiar formation of a break in an outcrop, and this mine has produced its millions. It sometimes pays to be curious, but this fellow did not allow his curiosity to blind him to the fact that a few thousand dollars in the hand is better than millions undeveloped, so he sold it to Boise Penrose and his financial agents, and the millions that came from it gave Penrose enough power to name presidential candidates.

Cripple Creek, which was believed to have responded to the last call, is coming back, having recently made an excellent strike on the deep level of the Old Independence. The strike is giving other mine owners courage to proceed with deep development and we have no doubt that wonderful results would ensue.

Mohave county has many of these propositions and the only thing that is needed is the necessary financial backing and proper direction. Today we have many old silver mines that have been worked to the water level and the greater number of them are only a few hundred feet in depth and have produced from \$500,000 to a million.

LIVESTOCK AND RANGES ARIZONA-NEW MEXICO

Telegraph and mail advices received by the office of the Weather Bureau in Phoenix, indicate still further general improvement in ranges over the state with almost daily showers in the summer grazing areas. At the same time the need for more rain is felt, as most of the falls have been too light to soak deeply into the ground, and the torrential nature of such heavy rains as have fallen has prevented their doing great good. The lack of rain seems most marked in Cochise county, where the average for July 1920 is probably not over one tenth that of July 1919, but the condition is a general one reported over a greater portion of the range sections of the state. In the Pinto and Pinedale sections however there is no complaint, reports indicating an abundance of moisture, tanks and water holes filled and feed good. In spite of some adverse elements cattle are doing well in all sections, reports indicating a condition ranging from "fair" to "prime."

PHILOSOPHICAL

"Not savink your money? What will you do if hard times should come along?"
"Well, I can tell myself that I had a good time while the money was coming easy."

REPUBLICAN CLUB COMMITTEES ARE APPOINTED

At a meeting of the Republican Club, last Tuesday night it was decided to place the government of the club under an executive committee of five, this committee being empowered to appoint such other committees as it saw fit.

The executive committee is composed of the following: R. S. Adams, Max Anderson, Ross Blakely and C. D. Wagner. The soliciting committee is Ross Blakely, R. W. Wilde, and J. M. Gates. The Registration committee, R. S. Adams, S. H. Miller and J. M. Gates. Mrs. C. L. Lewis was appointed chairman of the ladies' committee.

The name of the club was changed to the Harding Republican Club of Mohave County.

"CANON BALL" BAKER BREAKS OLD RECORD

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national sporting event, and the feat he is attempting has been pronounced the most grueling test of stamina and endurance for man, motor and equipment that could be devised. In his efforts to establish a new record Baker relies upon a stock model Templar car, equipped with Firestone cord tires, the same combination which enabled him to make the successful New York to Chicago dash.

The famous driver is stopping only for gasoline and food, and sleeping only in the event his motor or equipment needs repair.

The New York to Chicago trial was made without mishap, the driver successfully combating handicaps of 250 miles of rain and 200 miles of fog which he encountered in the Pennsylvania mountains.

"Canonball," whose real name is Erwin George Baker, earned the "Canonball" appellation while he was gaining fame as the most daring motorcycle speed tourist in the country, a role which he abandoned to gain new laurels as an automobile driver. He has been racing seventeen years.

Baker is accompanied by his mechanic, who rides with him on all his tours, but Baker alone will sit at the wheel of the racing car as it streaks its way across the continent.

While here Baker changed a steering gear which had broken on the way. He arrived in Los Angeles early Wednesday morning, beating his old record.

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